

Application No.: 10/627,271

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Earl A. Hubbell

Examiner: Whaley, Pablo S

Serial No: 10/627,271

Group Art Unit: 1631

Filing Date: 07/25/2003

Title: **Methods, Systems and Computer  
Software for Designing and  
Synthesizing Sequence Arrays**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the March 16, 2006 Species Election Requirement, the Examiner is requiring an election between the following species of polymers in Claims 4 and 25:

- (i) oligonucleotides
- (ii) peptides
- (iii) polysaccharides
- (iv) RNA

Applicants elect species (i) (oligonucleotides) without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected species in a divisional, or other related application.

If the Examiner has any questions pertaining to this application or feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 731-5000. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Respectfully submitted,

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